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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : FINAL DECISION & ORDER
: FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
GORDON J. GRIESHABER, M.D., :
: Case #LS0604193MED

Division of Enforcement Case # 03 MED 567

The parties to this proceeding for purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Gordon J. Grieshaber, M.D.
Mineral Point Medical Center
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Mineral Point, WI 53565

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
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P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (“Board”). The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Gordon J. Grieshaber, M.D., (DOB 12/30/1954) is duly licensed as physician in the state of Wisconsin (license #20-34127). This license was first granted on March 25, 1993.
2. Dr. Grieshaber’s most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is Mineral Point Medical Center, 104 High Street, Mineral Point, WI 53565.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Dr. Grieshaber was working as physician in Wisconsin.
4. On or about March 25, 2000 at 3:30 p.m., patient A.R. arrived at the Memorial Hospital emergency room after being involved in a roll-over motor vehicle accident.
5. A.R. was up and walking at the scene of the accident but complained of back pain. She was transported to

Memorial Hospital emergency room on a backboard with a cervical collar.

6. A.R.'s vital signs were normal, and a baseline neurological examination showed that she was able to move all extremities and had no tingling or numbness at the time of the evaluation.

7. At 4:00 p.m. plain film x-rays were taken of A.R.'s thoracic and lumbar spine. A physician in the emergency room read the films and determined that A.R. had suffered a compression fracture of her spine involving T12 and T11.

8. After reading the x-ray the emergency room physician prepared the patient for discharge, stating that her fracture was stable and would not cause injury to the spinal cord or nerves.

9. As a nurse was helping A.R. get up to go home, A.R. experienced severe pain that caused her to cry out. Because of her extreme pain, the emergency room physician decided to admit her to the hospital for pain control.

10. The emergency room physician did not re-institute the use of the backboard or any other spine stabilization measures. He wrote in his admission orders that A.R. could be up with assistance and recommended a physical therapy consultation the next morning. The emergency room physician claims that these admitting orders were dictated by the Respondent, who was the admitting physician. The Respondent denies that he even saw the patient until the next day.

11. The next morning it was noted that A.R. had not emptied her bladder since her admission. A nurse got her up to the commode, but after 20 minutes she was unable to void. The Respondent believed the urinary retention was due to the pain medication and ordered a Foley catheter.

12. The same day, it was noted that A.R. had tingling numbness in her buttocks and bilaterally in her feet.

13. The next day, A.R. was incontinent of bowel, with no sensory knowledge that it had occurred.

14. At this point, the Respondent ordered a CT scan and immobilized the patient. He transferred her to UW Hospital for a neurological/neurosurgical evaluation.

15. A.R. was immediately taken to surgery at UW Hospital for removal of the T12 vertebra and fusion of the T11-L1 section.

16. A.R. suffered nerve damage due to the incident which may have been prevented or minimized had she been immobilized and if a CT scan had been ordered sooner to determine whether the spinal cord had been compromised.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02.

2. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has authority to resolve this proceeding by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44 (5).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Gordon J. Grieshaber, M.D., will, within six (6) months of the date of this Final Decision And Order, take and complete eighteen (18) hours of Category 1 continuing education course in neurological emergencies. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be preapproved by the Medical Examining Board or its designee. Dr. Grieshaber will be responsible for locating courses satisfactory to the Medical Examining Board and for obtaining the required approval of the courses from the Medical Examining Board or its designee. Dr. Grieshaber will within 60 days of completion of this

educational requirement file an affidavit with the Medical Examining Board stating under oath that he has attended in its entirety each of the courses approved for satisfaction of this requirement along with supporting documentation of attendance from the sponsoring organizations. This affidavit and the supporting documentation of attendance will be filed with:

Department Monitor
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Avenue
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All certifications, affidavits or other documents required to be filed with the Medical Examining Board will be deemed filed upon receipt by the Department Monitor.

2. Dr. Grieshaber will be responsible for paying the full cost of attendance at these courses. Dr. Grieshaber will not apply any of the continuing education credits earned in satisfaction of this Order toward satisfaction of his Wis. Stat. § 448.13, biennial training requirements.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

3. Dr. Grieshaber shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

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4. In the event Dr. Grieshaber fails to timely pay costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education, Dr. Grieshaber's license (#20-34127) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Dr. Grieshaber has complied with the terms of this Order. The Board or its designee will remove the suspension, if provided with sufficient information that Dr. Grieshaber is in compliance with the Order and that it is inappropriate for the suspension to remain in effect. The Board in its discretion may impose additional conditions and limitations for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

5. Dr. Grieshaber is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Final Decision and Order.

6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: Bhupinder Saini, MD
A Member of the Board

4/19/06
Date

7. The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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